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of the Board that the committee be not discharged at this time, but remain for the time being in abeyance.

Committee on Compilation of reading list on home economics

This committee in a letter to the Secretary recommended that it be discharged until such time as the Home Economics Association committee asks for its co-operation. It was taken as the sense of the Board, however, that the committee be not discharged, but remain also in abeyance.

Conference of 1919

A letter was read from Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, in which, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library he invited the American Library Association to hold its conference in 1919 in St. Louis. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the letter with the thanks of the Executive Board and with the assurance that the invitation would at the proper time receive due consideration.

Place of next conference

The Secretary reported that invitations for the next conference had been received from the Convention Bureaus of Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee, New York, San Francisco and Springfield, the latter invitation being seconded by many New England members of the Association. An invitation to meet in Burlington, Vermont, had been extended by the Vermont Free Public Library Commission, the Vermont Library Association, the State Legislature by joint resolution, the University of Vermont, the Green Mountain Club and other state organizations. Saratoga, New York, was also discussed as a possible place of meeting. After discussion on motion of Mr. Dudgeon it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to investigate the advantages offered by Saratoga, Burlington and Springfield, and to make a report thereon to the Board.

The meeting of the Board was then adjourned.

COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION

The Council met Saturday evening, June 23, in Macauley's Theatre, Louisville, immediately after the adjournment of the general session. The meeting was called to order by President Brown. The following twenty-five members were present: C. W. Andrews, Willard Austen, Arthur E. Bostwick, George F. Bowerman, R. R. Bowker, W. H. Brett, W. L. Brown, Henry J. Carr, Gratia A. Countryman, J. C. Dana, M. S. Dudgeon, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Frank P. Hill, Charles D. Johnston, Margaret Mann, Edith A. Phelps, W. T. Porter, Herbert Putnam, Samuel H. Ranck, Josephine A. Rathbone, A. S. Root, Mrs. Harriet P. Sawyer, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Alice S. Tyler, J. I. Wyer, Jr.

A Nominating committee for nomination of five members of the Council was appointed as follows: Arthur L. Bailey, chairman; Carl H. Milam, Sarah C. N. Bogle, Edith A. Phelps, Willard Austen.

Mr. G. W. Lee presented the following resolution on behalf of the committee on Sponsorship for knowledge:

Resolved, That the committee on Sponsorship for knowledge be requested to adopt working plans as soon as practicable and report to the mid-winter meeting on the undertaking in its actual operation.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. C. W. Andrews presented a report on union list of periodicals, which on motion was accepted and ordered filed:

Report on union list of periodicals

Your committee on Union lists submits for your information and as a report of progress the following statement:

The American Mathematical Society has appointed a committee, of which Dr.

David Eugene Smith is chairman, to prepare a union list of mathematical periodicals. Considerable progress has been made and it is hoped that the list will be ready for publication before long.

A committee of the libraries of the universities of the Central States has undertaken the preparation of a check list of these states. The Chicago libraries have been invited to join and arrangements have been practically completed with Messrs. H. W. Wilson and Company for the publication. It is not proposed to make it as extensive in scope as the Chicago lists. Nevertheless, it will probably amount to at least some 20,000 titles and 5,000 cross references.

Very recently there has come to the attention of the committee a proposition of Mr. William Abbatt, of New York, to publish a bibliography of American periodicals. This is limited in date, as it does not extend beyond 1900 and omits very large classes, including all medical journals and all "transactions." Even with these limitations he expects to have 15,000 entries. This is not only a bibliography of magazines, but a check list of the rarer ones, including the holdings of sixty-five libraries.

Respectfully submitted,
CLEMENT W. ANDREWS,
For the Committee.

Fire insurance rates

The committee on Fire insurance rates presented a report (see p. 306) (which had been printed in advance and distributed to members of the Council by mail), which was read by title only, action on it being deferred to a future meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

June 27, 1917

A meeting of the Council was called in Macauley's Theatre immediately on adjournment of the last general session of the Thirty-ninth Annual Conference.

President Montgomery presided. Twenty-four members were present.

Mr. A. L. Bailey, as chairman of the Nominating committee, presented the following nominations as members of the Council for a term of five years: George T. Settle, librarian Louisville Free Public Library; Marilla W. Freeman, librarian Goodwyn Institute, Memphis; George W. Fuller, librarian Spokane Public Library; Frances E. Earhart, librarian Duluth Public Library; Walter M. Smith, librarian University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The secretary, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, cast a ballot on behalf of the Council declaring these nominees elected.

Committee on civil service relations

Mr. Bowker moved the adoption of the following resolution relative to the appointment of a committee on Civil service relations. Carried.

Resolved, That the president be authorized and requested to appoint a committee on Civil service relations to confer with the National Assembly of Civil Service Commissions and the Council of the National Civil Service Reform League and cognate organizations, and to report, if practicable, at the mid-winter meeting of the Council or at the ensuing conference.

Mr. Purd B. Wright said that Mr. Peters, the assistant counselor of the Civil Service Commissions, was desirous of having the co-operation of libraries; that he wished to send bulletins to them so the librarians could disseminate information as to government needs.

On motion of Mr. Bowker, the Council approved the following resolution which had been adopted by the Public Documents Round Table:

Resolved, That the Council of the American Library Association, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Documents Round Table, expresses to the Committee on Printing its gratification at the progress toward a better system of printing and distributing public documents embodied in the interests of economy and efficiency in proposed legislative measures; and,

Resolved, That the Round Table specifically expresses its appreciation of the courteous and sympathetic interest of Mr. George H. Carter, clerk of the committee,

in obtaining consideration for the needs of libraries.

Mr. Bowker said that the resolution regarding civil service relations was suggested by a paper read by Mr. W. Dawson Johnston before the trustees' section, and speaks for itself. The other resolution is sent over to the Council from the Public Documents Round Table and resulted from a letter read by Mr. Godard from Mr. Carter, clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing. It was emphasized at that meeting that the association should not depart from its recorded decision favoring only one form of government document, which meant that the executive department's reports should not be included in the long congressional series, but it was desired to express appreciation of progress toward the ideal, in view of the proposed reintroduction of the bill, somewhat modified, at the ensuing congressional session.

Speaking of this resolution Mr. Bowker said: "The first of these matters (resolution favoring only one form of any one Government document) was the result of a paper before the Trustees' Section; the second was the result of a letter from Mr. Carter, read by Mr. Godard at the Government Documents Round Table. It was emphasized at that meeting that the Association should not depart from its original resolution favoring only one form of Government documents; that the Executive Department Documents should not be in series, but to express appreciation of the progress being made. That means that a new bill will be offered embodying this form at the ensuing session."

On motion the Council then adjourned.

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES SECTION

FIRST SESSION

In the absence of Mr. Charles R. Green, chairman for the year, Mr. William M. Hepburn acted as chairman.

Mr. George A. Deveneau, librarian of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, presented a paper on

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES AND EXTENSION WORK

(See p. 140)

It was announced that on the recommendation of members of the section a special committee on Food information would be appointed by the A. L. A. War service committee. Mr. Severance of Missouri described their plan of sending collections of books of from fifty to sixty volumes each to county agents who qualify for them by providing proper accommodations. They now have eighteen such libraries.

The Handbook committee reported progress. Miss Ogden read the outline of the chapters already planned, and said that only a small part of the material had as yet been prepared.

The distribution of experiment station publications was discussed. It was the opinion of those present that each station should keep a reserve stock of its bulletins and should be willing to receive duplicates returned by other stations and libraries and preserve them to supply the needs of libraries in the future. A resolution was adopted that a committee be appointed to confer with the American Association of Agricultural College and Experiment Stations at their October meeting and to recommend to them that each station arrange to keep a reserve supply of not less than 150 copies of each publication issued.

SECOND SESSION

Dr. H. E. Horton, agricultural commissioner of the American Steel and Wire Company, Chicago, presented a paper on "Agricultural Research," and also read portions of his bibliography of research material which he had grouped by subject. There followed a spirited discussion and Dr. Horton answered numerous questions.

Mr. Deveneau, for the Food information committee, reported that reading lists were